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Review of Baseball.

With the West Point game the baseball season closed, and now we may review its results. In the beginning the prospects looked dubious. New material of varsity proportions seemed scarce and we had lost three of last year's best men. But Johnson was again secured as coach and Capt. Hunter went to work with a will. A good sized squad reported, and by hard, consistent work a team was molded which more than made good our expectations. It is true we have lost more games than we have won, but with one or two exceptions we have played good ball. Our defeats have been the result of a general inability to hit the ball at the right time; our batting has been weak. In the field we have played a steady and conservatively strong game. There are no excuses. They are not needed. We undertook a difficult task and the work has been well done. Though not made up of star men, the team was composed of hard workers who played well together and their team work and general ability excelled that of last year's team. It is difficult to criticise justly the individual men, but a few comments may not be amiss. Capt. Hunter has had much to do, but this does not seem to have interfered with his playing. He has made an excellent captain, has coached his team in fielding and at the bat and is deserving of the praise which is bestowed upon him by the college. Durkee has been the mainstay and the only stay of the pitching department, and though somewhat handicapped throughout the season, he has pitched excellent ball, has fielded his position in good shape, and his batting has been timely. Peet has taken care of his position in his characteristic way, always in the game, trying for everything, and the speediest base runner in the bunch. McLaughlin has cared for the middle sack part of the season but has not played up to his last year's standard either in the field or at the bat. Soper has improved greatly over his last year's form. He has hit the ball harder, gets around the bases well, and has become a fixture in left field. Judd has tended first base in good shape, although he has been a trifle uncertain on low ones, and he seemed to have lost some of his old confidence and ability with the stick. White has improved greatly, showing more life and snap, and his fielding has been more accurate but he is slow in getting the ball away and his throwing can improve considerably. Bastian has seemed too eager and this has made him a trifle unsteady; but he is a hard worker and with more experience will do well. Stiles has kept up his good work, and his change to his old position centerfield proved beneficial. He is a steady and reliable fielder and bats fairly well. Farrell has played finely, sure of everything in his direction and fast in returning the ball. He has made some good hits and has been fast on the bases. He has added strength to the team. Schwab is sure in the field, weak at bat where he seems to lack confidence, but another season he should make it good.

And now a word as to next season's prospects. We lose none of the team which has been developed this year. We are reasonably sure of five or six good men in the incoming class. We should have a strong and seasoned team, and should have a successful season. Capt. Hunter should be congratulated on his work and his successor, Capt. Durkee, will have the support of the college next season as has his predecessor this term. We must and will get together and win the pennant next year.

—The board of student control of Chicago University has passed a rule that social functions shall close not later than one o'clock, and that such affairs shall be given on Friday or Saturday evenings, or on evenings preceding holidays.

West Point, 8; Hamilton, 1.

Hamilton played good ball against West Point with the exception of the first inning. We were beaten because West Point had the better team and clearly outplayed us. They tried a new pitcher but took him out after the first inning. Had he been left in, the result might have been different, for Hamilton was beginning to hit him in lively fashion; we could not touch Phillips, however. Durkee was not batted so hard as the score might seem to indicate, several of the hits registered against him being safe bunts.

THE GAME.

Hamilton scored in the first inning. Hackett muffed the third strike and Peet reached first in safety, stole second and scored on Hunter's drive for two bases. Soper singled, but Hunter was put out trying to reach home on the hit. Hamilton had several chances to score after this, but failed to take advantage of the opportunities. West Point tallied three times in the first. Durkee hit Gardner, who started for second; the ball went through "Mac", and Stiles obtaining the ball threw wild to third, letting Gardner score. Herr beat out an infield hit; Graves received a base on balls, Herr scoring when Durkee threw Winston out at first. Hackett knocked up a foul for Hunter, Durkee let Cooper's bunt get away from him, Graves scoring. Abbott was hit by a pitched ball, but Durkee struck out Allbright, leaving the bases full. No more scoring was done until the fifth, though Hamilton and West Point both had the bases full. In the sixth three singles and a stolen base netted West Point two runs, a snappy double play by Peet, MacLaughlin and White preventing further scoring. Two errors by "Mac" and a base hit by Phillips, let in two scores in the seventh, their last run was scored on a three bagger by Graves and a single by Winston. The features of the game were the batting of Graves,

Herr's stop of a liner from Soper's bat, that had all the appearances of being safe. For Hamilton, Hunter batted well and Soper played his usual steady game.

The score below is not bad.

HAMILTON.	AB	R	IB	PO	A	E
Farrell, rf.,	3	0	0	0	1	0
Peet, ss.,	4	1	1	0	3	1
Stiles, cf.,	4	0	1	2	0	1
Hunter, c.,	4	0	2	4	0	0
Soper, lf.,	3	0	1	3	0	0
White, 1b.,	4	0	0	12	0	2
MacLaughlin, 2b.,	4	0	1	2	4	2
Bastian, 3b..	3	0	0	1	0	0
Durkee, p.,	2	0	0	0	4	0
Totals,	31	1	6	24	12	6

WEST POINL.	AB	R	IB	PO	A	E
Gardner, rf.,	4	1	0	1	1	0
Herr, ss.,	5	2	2	2	2	0
Graves, 1b.,	4	3	3	10	0	0
Winston, cf.,	5	0	2	3	1	1
Hackett, c.,	5	0	0	7	3	0
Zell, lf.,	4	0	1	1	0	0
Cooper, 3b.,	5	2	2	2	0	0
Abbott, 2b.,	4	0	0	1	1	0
Allbright, p.,	1	0	0	0	0	0
Phillips, p.,	3	0	1	0	3	0
Totals,	40	8	11	27	11	1

SCORE BY INNINGS.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Hamilton,	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
West Point,	3	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	x

SUMMARY.

Earned runs—West Point, 2. Three base hit, Graves, (2). Two base hit—Hunter. Stolen bases—West Point 4, Hamilton 2. Hit by pitcher—Gardner, Zell, Abbott and Bastian. Bases on balls—Off Durkee, 1; off Phillips, 3. Struck out—By Allbright, 1, Phlllips, 7, Durkee, 3. Time of game, 2 hours.

Chemistry Class Fortunate.

During spring term Prof. Saunders has opened his home Saturday evenings to members of the chemistry classes, together with whomever else these members cared to bring along. Dr. Saunders' idea has been to make the evenings informal and homelike. Cards and chess and checkers have played a prominent part. We have smoked and talked around the fire-place, and whoever has been there will testify to pleasant memories of Mrs. Saunders' luncheons. Last Saturday there was a ping-pong tournament. Ehret won the final in a close-fought contest with Owens. Around the table afterward Ehret gave some of his inimitable impersonations, while "Stink" lit up the meerschaum which Campbell had presented in behalf of those present as a token of their appreciation.

Busy Man and Man Busy.

If you have ever read Emerson's "American Scholar," you will doubtless recall the author's careful distinction between the "thinking man" and the "man thinking." For our purpose let us modify this text somewhat by substituting "busy" for "thinking," and see whether Emerson's formula is general—true for all values of x.

We are speaking of college men only, believing that within Hamilton's precincts alone, there is a sufficient diversity and fecundity of character to furnish us all necessary material for our problem. Who, then, is this "busy man?" He is the one who, in his own eyes, is the most overworked mortal on earth; who never has time for anything else besides his own business—a veritable hundred-handed Briareus with every hand at the wheel. No matter when, why, or wherefore you ask him a favor, he always has a more important task of his own to be attended to at that same moment. Personal duty is a downy bed of ease upon which he reclines with perfect satisfaction. All allegiannce to his college, outside of the required curriculum, is like a quill in that downy bed, meant only to disturb his dutiful apathy. He passes through his four years' course as a man passes through a labyrinth, surprised and mystified when he has finished at finding himself just where he started. His friends are few, his experience with men is nil, his business ability is paralyzed from disuse, and his head full of knowledge is a dead weight for lack of the proper means of using it.

Now who is the "man busy"? You can always pick him out as the man who is doing the least of the talking. The results of his labors and the commendation of others are the mouth-pieces of his exertions. The least of his troubles is the amount that he does; his busiest is his happiest hour. Responsibilities are his as naturally as the acorn is the oak's. He is the man whom you see in the very midst of college life, neglecting none and diligent towards all of its various phases; the man whom all admire and trust. When this student leaves his alma mater, all his faculties have been equally developed, and he is graduated to the world a man.

Which of the two are you? Ask yourself the question and answer honestly. You are the hardest man in this world to deceive, if you yourself are the deceiver. Make your decision soon, and if necessary, begin remodelling at once.

College Observance of Memorial Day.

The question has been raised: Does the college observe Memorial Day in the proper spirit? How do the various types of the college student look upon this holiday? Most of us figure out how many cuts we are going to wring from the professors. The more the better. The "bohners" welcome it as an opportunity for making up work, or rather for "bohning" lessons in advance. The sports go off on a spree, "Hoi Polloi," lounge around, gossip and waste time. We ask whether the fundamental purpose and meaning of the day penetrates very deeply the cranium of the average college fellow.

Are conditions as they should be? If education counts for aught, who, if not college men, are in a position to comprehend and appreciate the significance of our national Memorial Day? What class of Americans could more intelligently observe the day? Every college man has probed into American history enough to understand the depth of the nation's grief, for the death and sacrifice of those millions of her sons.

Then why not have a college exercise on Memorial Day, which should inspire nobler patriotism and voice the heartfelt sentiments of an intelligent body of men?

Intercollegiate.

—The endowment fund of Amherst has been increased by a gift of $15,000. The income is to be used for paying salaries of instructors and associate professors.

—The Duke of Loubat has given the College of France an annuity of 6000 francs, to found and maintain a professorship for the study of American antiquities.

—Owing to the accusations of professionalism made by Wesleyan and Williams, against Kane, the Amherst pitcher, Amherst will probably withdraw from the triangular league at the close of this season.

—An astronomer at the University of Chicago has discovered a comet. An effort will be made to keep it so far from the earth that its light will not interfere with the business of the Standard Oil Company.

—Numerous magazine articles have appeared recently contending that co-education in college is not a success. The only remedy that can be suggested is that men cease attending women's colleges.

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TO STIMULATE PRIZE WRITING

The announcing of subjects for prize writing at the close of spring term, instead of at the opening of the following fall term, is an improvement deeply appreciated by the college. It is certainly a wise change. There will be fewer occurrences of "no award" in the essays. Orations have always been good, but they should now be excellent. Under the old system there were too many other duties of importance running parallel for a man to show the best that was in him in the literary line. Each day brings its work. College life today is more intense than it was a quarter of a century ago. Then men took time to read and write. Old graduates tell of the great amount of fiction and poetry they devoured during their four years. But the undergraduate now must credit it either to brilliancy or to extreme diligence if, after fulfilling his social, musical and athletic obligations, he can satisfy himself in his college work. If one is electing the sciences or philosophy, he has but little time in which to acquire an adequate basis for good prize composition. Under this new arrangement, however, one can read during the summer, with ease and pleasure, sufficient material for a good working knowledge of the subject he intends to write upon. There should be large numbers electing prize work hereafter. The whole college will surely derive benefit from this timely piece of wisdom.

RESERVED BOOKS.

A tendency has developed of late to "lift" reserved books from the library and keep them out. Bowen's "Logic" and Bernstein's "Senses of Man," are the latest absentees, and as both of them are required for the reports in Logic and Psychology respectively, those who have taken the books are doing an injustice to others who have to write the reports. These books can be drawn out over night and there is no excuse for their detention longer. During library hours their place is on the reserved shelf, where those who have these reports to write can get at them. No one has a right to monopolize these books and when he takes them from the library and keeps them out during library hours, he is depriving other men of their privileges and is causing much inconvenience and trouble. We wish to protest against this practice, to notify those who pursue it thoughtlessly and to warn those who do it wilfully, if there be any of such nature.

Harvard's president says the college man should each day allot ten hours to study, eight to sleep, and six to meals and recreation. This apportionment comes nearer to an ideal plan than most of us attain; but we would question whether ten hours of concentrated application to brain work is not too much for the best development of mind and body. Hamerton, the English painter and philosopher, found he could do his best day's work in less than five hours. Many other men with great power of concentration have not been able to work successfully for more than six or seven hours a day. Ten hours are not too much of laboratory, or lectures, or light study; but eight hours of deep, earnest work in Hamilion will earn a good night's rest.

Bishop Burgess, of Long Island, in his baccalaureate sermon to the students of Columbia University last Sunday, brought charges of commercialism against college athletics. This invective has been much overused of late and is certainly misapplied here. The bishop said, "The mercenary element in athletics should be omitted. I do not mean that the contestants themselves are mercenary, but the organization is. College games should not be played to make money. I should like to see the day when the spectators come as guests of the college, and money is not mentioned." Is it true that college athletic associations are in the business of money-making? Most of them hardly pay expenses, as the undergraduate who is asked each year for subscriptions could tell the good bishop. There is nothing more mercenary about gate-money for college sports than there is about pew money for the church.

Senior Honors.

Senior honors were announced in chapel Tuesday morning. An excellent record is shown.

High honor men for the past year are: Berry, Bishop, Campbell, Harwood, Minor, Naylor, Payne, Reeve, Slaughter, Warren and Webster.

Honor—Church, Miller and Ward.

Credit—Collins, Moody, Weaver, Scoville, Weidman and Wood.

Seven men stood high honor for the entire course. They are Bishop, Campbell, Harwood, Miller, Payne, Reeve and Warren.

The honor men for the course are Minor, Naylor, Slaughter, Weaver and Webster. Credit—Church, Hawley, Scoville, Ward and Weidman.

Of the Munson prizes offered in German, Miller took first and Reeve, second; of the prize offered in French, Bishop took first.

The Underwood prizes in Chemistry resulted: First, Campbell; second, Church.

Southworth prize in Physics—First, Warren; second, Minor.

Department honors were awarded as follows: Greek—Harwood, Miller, Payne and Reeves. Latin — Miller, Payne, Reeve and Warren. Mathematics — Bishop, Minor and Warren. Psychology, Logic and Pedagogics--Berry and Payne. Ethics—Bishop, Minor, Reeve, Warren and Webster. Chemistry — Campbell. Physics and Astronomy—Warren. Geology and Mineralogy — Campbell and Slaughter. History, Law and Economics—Bishop.

In Italian, Spanish and American History no honors were given.

The valedictorian of the class is Merle Lemont Bishop, and the salutatorian, Frank DeWitt Warren.

Scene—The Arbor. Time—A balmy summer evening. Dramatis personæ—young lady, unknown, and Bloyer. Synopsis of play—Ask Bloyer. Denouement—One Kirkland Library book missing. Reward offered for the return of same. Curtain.

Y. M. C. A. Plans for Next Year.

Last Sunday an informal student meeting was held in Silliman Hall, in which plans were discussed for pushing the work of the Y. M. C. A. next year. President Allbright requested every member to work—work to make the influence of the association vital throughout college.

The meeting of Sunday was a quiz and answer exercise. By throwing out questions, Allbright obtained the ideas and suggestions of those present.

The following is a synopsis of the plans outlined by the president and members present at the meeting.

The Reason for the Association's Existence.—To be of vital service to the college, by interesting men in Christian work.

Membership Committee.—Let a representative from every crowd look after the incoming freshmen. In picking new men these representatives should get an assurance of fidelity. The membership committee should stir men up, if they are found shirking.

Religious Meetings.—There should be variety in the Sunday afternoon meetings, more student prayer meetings, with a missionary meeting once a month. Have occasional addresses from the professors and outsiders.

Prayer Meetings.—Revive the class prayer meetings. They should be held every week. Make them the backbone of the association's strength and influence.

Social Committee.—Let it see about increasing the fellowship among the members. Find some use for the vacant rooms up stairs in Silliman Hall.

Bible Study.—Continue the freshman Bible study class and if possible have Prof. Fitch give a course of lectures on the Greek Testament.

Music Committee. — Let particular pains be taken to have somebody to play the piano at every meeting. From time to time have special music as violin or cornet solos.

Sunday Notices.

10:30 A. M.—Pres. Stryker is to preach.

4 P. M.—The weather permitting, an open air service of praise will be held on the campus.

5 P. M.—Mission study class.

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College Notes.

—"Windy" speaks of young goathood.

—Pictures of the baseball and track teams were taken Thursday afternoon.

—"Hank" Miller, '00, has been visiting in Clinton during the past few days.

—A. S. Davis, '04, has been holding a session of pistol practice in the hall of North.

—"Banjo Ben" is making his yearly visit to the campus and incidentally trying to sell that same old pipe.

—The Frolic was hardly a success financially, consequently the freshmen levied a class tax to pull them out of the hole.

—The following seniors were chosen for Phi Beta Kappa: Bishop, Campbell, Harwood, Miller, Payne, Reeve and Warren.

—On Thursday afternoon, Jones, '03, was elected captain of track athletics, and Durkee, '03, of baseball for the coming year.

—Will the "lobster" (one can address him by no other title) who swiped the tin drinking cup from South College, please return the same at once.

—At the freshman frolic certain sophomores borrowed a key from Society Hall, and later found that they still lacked the key to the situation.

—Prof. Robinson has been engaged by the board of trustees to keep the chair of Latin next year, during the absence of Harry B. Ward, who is studying in Germany.

—During the past week Houghton has held its commencement. On Monday evening was the musical, on Tuesday evening the Barrett-Browning, and on Thursday, commencement exercises.

—The recent Frolic brought to light certain business transactions which are not at all creditable to the fraternity of the Clinton High School, from which Society Hall was rented.

—Dr. Oren Root has accepted the call to preach for the Dutch Reformed Church, of Utica. Dr. Root occupied the same pulpit a few years ago, but lately had been unable to continue his services there.

—Dr. Stryker is consulting with various authorities on the subjects of American history and constitutional law, among them the Secretary of War, and some of the leading constitutional lawyers of New York, Philadelphia and Chicago, to get suggestions as to the man for the chair made vacant by the death of Dr. Terrett.

—Hamilton has an athletic field of which she may justly be proud and it is only right that she should take good care of it. The track and the places for the jumps are well cared for, but the baseball and football fields do not receive all the attention that they deserve. They are by no means in bad condition, but a very little money would improve them considerably. There are two places especially which need a few loads of dirt. One is the region just back of third base where a small pond collects after every rain storm; the other is the right field, which is uneven and also very swampy. The expense of fixing these places would be very slight but the good done would be considerable.

Oration and Essay Subjects for 1902-3.

48th Clark prize competition.

1. Dying Finland.
2. The Political Ideas of Victor Hugo.
3. The Emancipation of Cuba.
4. Tudor Politics and the English Bible.
5. John Marshall of Virginia.
6. The Oratory of the French Revolution.
7. The Loneliness of Great Men.
8. The Message of the New Orient to the Occident.

Forty-first Pruyn medal oration.

The Problem of Education in our Southern States.

Fortieth Head prize oration.

Alexander Hamilton, the Mentor of the First Administration.

31st Kirkland prize oration.

The Optimism of the Hebrew Prophets.

12th Soper prize thesis.

The History of Protective Legislation in the United States, 1882–1900.

Kellogg prize essays.

Junior.

The Curse in Literature.

The Wrongs of the American Indian.

Sophomore.

Shakespeare's Indebtedness to Plutarch.

Growth of the American Newspaper.

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D. T. Club.

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The freshmen chosen for the club were Robinson, Stowell, Schwab, Speh, Mann, Wright, France, McIntyre, Loftis, Dickinson, Kingsley, Hayes and Polson. The organization was founded by the class of 1903.

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